

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~preventing or~~ inhibiting a subsequent stroke in a patient who has previously suffered at least one earlier stroke, said method comprising administering to such a patient an effective subsequent stroke inhibiting amount of an AT₁-receptor antagonist.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, for inhibiting a secondary stroke, wherein said patient has experienced only one earlier stroke.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the AT₁-receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of candesartan, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, telmisartan, valsartan and physiologically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the AT₁-receptor antagonist is eprosartan or a physiologically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 4, wherein the AT₁-receptor antagonist is eprosartan mesylate.